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# BLACK DIAMOND

## AND "THE GOLDEN INDIANS"

CUT OUT AND SAVE!



SEE FREE VALUABLE TRADING CARD OFFER FOLLOWING THIS STORY



WE'RE TRAPPED HERE, DIAMOND! WE CAN'T SEE THEM, AND WE'RE SITTING DUCKS!

KEEP LOW, AND SAVE YOUR FIRE! MAYBE WE CAN WORK AROUND THEM!

NO, CHIEF, DON'T! YOU WON'T STAND A CHANCE!

IT IS MY DUTY TO SEEK THEM OUT! I WILL GO!

AS OUR TALE UNFOLDS, WE MEET TWO GOLD-HUNGRY PROSPECTORS, TRIX ASHTON AND BUD THOMPSON! THEY'RE DEEP IN BLACKFEET INDIAN TERRITORY IN MONTANA WHERE THEIR MULES HAVE JUST BEEN STOLEN FROM THEM!

I TELL YOU, TRIX, WE SHOULD HAVE TURNED BACK TWO DAYS AGO WHEN THEM BAD INJUNS STOLE OUR MULES!

STOP YOUR BELLY-ACHING, BUD, AND KEEP PUSHING! I KNOW THERE BE GOLD HERABOUTS AND I AIM TO BE THE ONE TO FIND IT! NO INJUNS OR EVEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO SCARE ME OFF!

A MAN CAN GET INTO A HEAP OF TROUBLE BUCKING THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INJ... SAY, WHAT'S THAT?

QUIET! LISTEN - IT SOUNDS LIKE INJUN...



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IT IS INJUNS!  
Y'CAN HEAR 'EM  
WHOOPIN' IT UP!  
LET'S GET GOIN'  
IN THE OTHER  
DIRECTION!

NO—WAIT!  
THAT'S AN  
ODD CHANT!  
SOUNDS LIKE A  
DEATH CHANT!  
LET'S SEE  
WHAT THEY'RE  
UP TO!



THIS  
AIN'T TOO  
WISE, TRIX!  
WHAT IF  
THEY SHOULD  
SPOT  
US?

THEY  
WON'T IF  
WE DON'T  
MAKE ANY  
NOISE! QUIET,  
BUD!



IT'S THE BLACK-  
FEET TRIBE! THEY'RE  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
FRIENDLY! WHAT THE  
HECK ARE THEY  
DOING?

THEY'RE  
HONORING  
A DEAD  
WARRIOR!  
CAREFUL, NOW—  
THEY'RE  
LEAVING!



SHHHHH!



WHERE YOU GOING,  
TRIX? LET'S GET OUT  
OF HERE! THIS GIVES  
ME THE CREEPS!

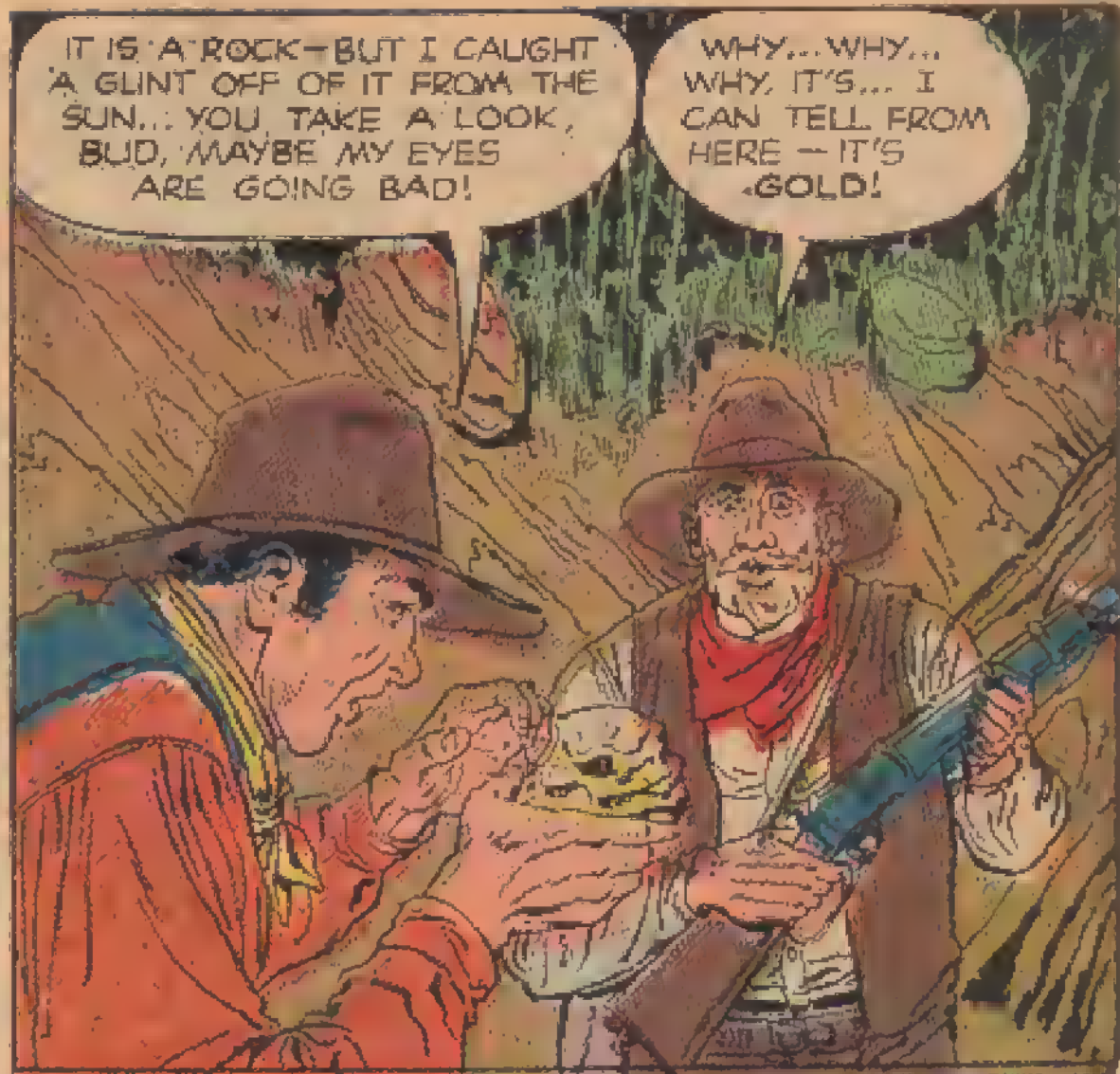
THEY'RE GONE!  
LET'S TAKE A LOOK!  
SOMETIMES THESE  
INDIANS BURY  
VALUABLES WITH  
THEIR DEAD!



THERE'S NOTHING  
HERE BUT A BUNCH  
OF MOLDY FURS  
AND OLD  
POTS!

LET'S GO—THE INDIANS  
MIGHT COME BACK AND  
THEY DON'T CATER TO  
PEOPLE SNOOPING  
AROUND THEIR  
DEAD!







NO! WE'VE RISKED OUR LIVES A DOZEN TIMES TO FIND THIS DIRT, AND WE'RE NOT LEAVING WITH A FEW MEASLY NUGGETS WHEN THERE'S A FORTUNE IN NUGGETS HERE! I GOT A PLAN THAT'LL DRIVE THE INDIANS OUT OF THIS TERRITORY AND LEAVE THE GOLD IN OUR LAPS!



YOU MUST BE GOIN' DAFFY, TRIX! IT WOULD TAKE A REGIMENT OF TROOPERS TO DRIVE THEM INJUNS OUT!

WITH FORCE, YES! THEM INJUNS ARE STUBBORN...BUT THEY'RE ALSO SUPERSTITIOUS! JUST YOU AND ME ARE GOING TO DRIVE THEM OUT WITH A FEW PARLOR TRICKS! FIRST, WE START A FIRE!



LOOK, MY CHIEF, ON THE HILLSIDE BURNS THE SIGN OF THE EAGLE! IT IS A BAD SIGN! THE GODS ARE ANGRY!

IT IS TRUE, WHITE FEATHER, BUT WHY WOULD THE GODS BE ANGRY WITH US?



IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, MANY STRANGE THINGS HAPPENED TO THE FEAR-RIDDEN INDIANS...

HURRY, MY BROTHERS, BEFORE WE ARE BURNED ALIVE!



...FIRES FOLLOWED BY AVALANCHES...

THE MOUNTAIN'S MOVING UPON US! WE ARE CURSED BY THE GODS!

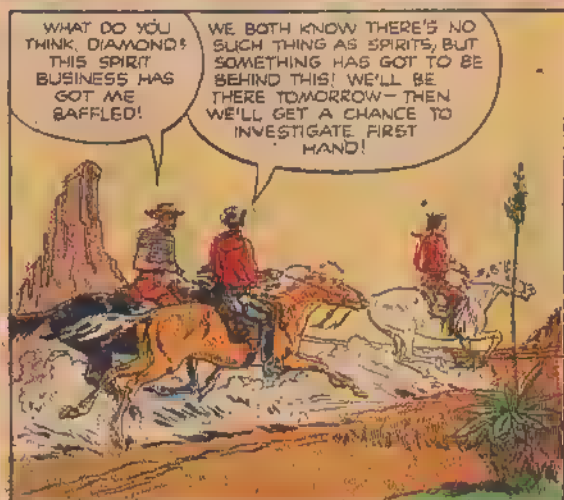
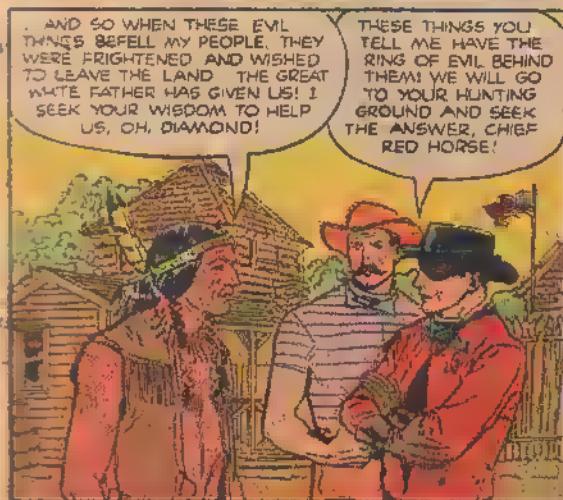
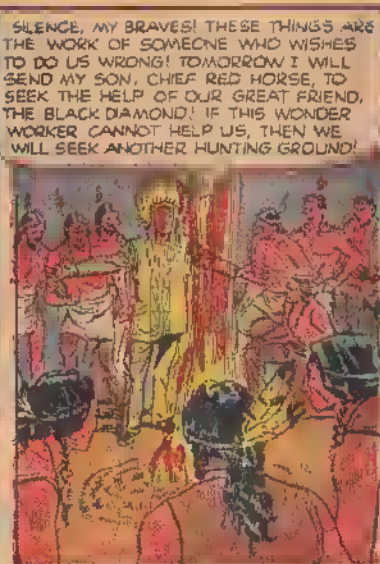


TWO OF OUR BRAVES ARE DEAD, CHIEF—AND ALL ARE TERROR-STRICKEN! WE MUST MOVE TO NEW CAMP! THE GODS ARE AGAINST US!

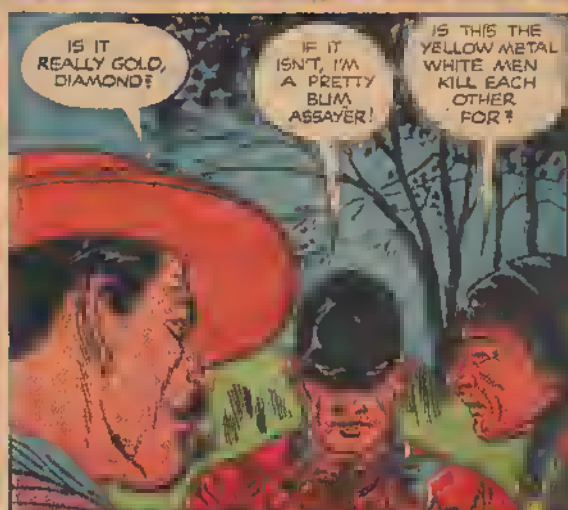
NO, WE STAY! I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TO BE WORK OF GODS! SUMMON ALL BRAVES! WE MEET AT DAYBREAK!



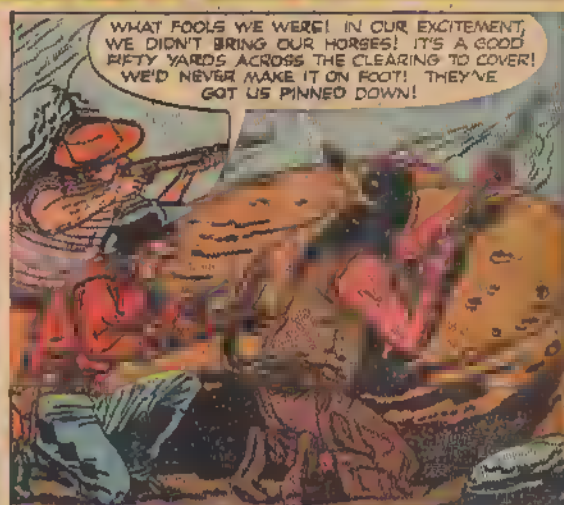
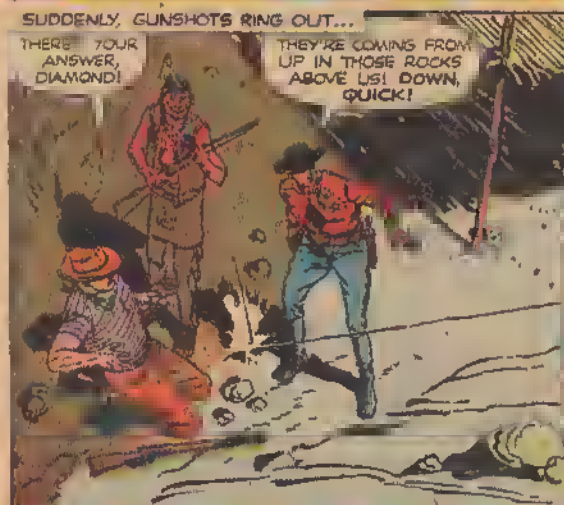














THE CHIEF SPRINGS FORWARD, DODGING AS HE RUNS, BUT BEFORE HE GOES TWENTY YARDS, HE IS CUT DOWN BY THE MERCILESS FIRE FROM THE RIDGE...



THEY GOT HIM!  
THE SNEAKING  
RATS GOT  
HIM!



NO-NO.. HE'S MOVING!  
HE MUST JUST BE  
WOUNDED! WE'VE  
GOT TO HELP HIM  
BEFORE IT'S  
TOO LATE!

I DON'T LIKE THIS, TRIX!  
THEM OTHER TWO ARE  
WHITE MEN, AND I THINK  
I CAUGHT A GLINT OF A  
BADGE! I DON'T WANT  
NO LAW TROUBLE! I'M  
PULLING OUT! THIS  
WAS YOUR IDEA!



WHY, YOU YELLOW  
PUP! YOU'RE  
PULLING OUT,  
ALL RIGHT  
FOR GOOD!

NO! NO! TRIX--  
YOU WOULDN'T!  
DON'T BE A FOOL!  
PLEASE, TRIX!



TAKE THAT,  
YOU  
COWARD!



AHHH...

CRACK!  
CRACK!

BLUMPER  
DID YOU  
HEAR  
THAT?

THOSE TWO SHOTS AND  
THAT SCREAM--THEY MUST  
BE FIGHTING AMONG  
THEMSELVES! WONDER  
HOW MANY OF 'EM  
THERE ARE!



NOW IT'S MINE! ALL MINE!  
NOBODY'LL EVER GET  
MY GOLD!









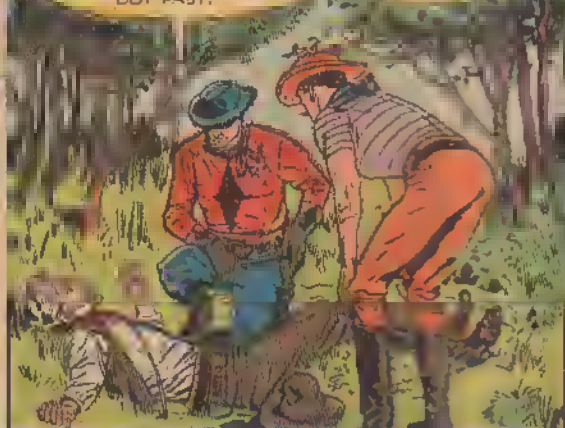
LATER... WHILE THE INDIANS ARE PATCHING UP THE CHIEF, WE'LL SCOUT AROUND AND SEE IF WE CAN FIND THE ANSWER TO OUR MYSTERY!

DIAMOND! LOOK OVER THERE! IT'S ANOTHER ONE! GUESS HE'S DONE FOR!



YOU WERE ONLY HALF RIGHT, BUMPER! THIS ONE STILL HAS A SPARK OF LIFE IN HIM, ONLY I'M AFRAID IT'S BURNING OUT FAST!

HE'S DYING!



LOOKS LIKE I AIN'T GOIN' TO MAKE THAT LAST BIG BONANZA, EH, MARSHAL (COUGH-COUGH) LOOKED LIKE THE GOLD WAS RIGHT IN OUR POCKETS, THEN WE HAD TO SCARE THE INJUNS OFF! JUST WHEN THEY WAS READY TO MOVE, YOU COME SNOOPIN' AROUND... (COUGH)

TAKE IT EASY, MISTER...



AHH... DON'T MAKE NO MIND ABOUT ME, I KNOW I AIN'T GOT LONG... AND IT DOES ME GOOD TO GET THIS OFF MY CHEST... I RECKON I WAS READY TO DO MOST ANYTHING FOR THAT PAY DIRT 'CEPT KILL. I DREW THE LINE THERE! THEN TRIX WENT LOCO AND GAVE IT TO ME IN THE BACK! WELL... HEH, HEH... I RETURNED THE FAVOR RIGHT BETWEEN THE SHOULDER BLADES... HEH, HEH...



WELL, IN A WAY THE SCORES ARE EVENED UP OLD TIMER... WE OWE YOU OUR LIVES... AND TRIX GOT HIS GOLD - HE'S LAYING ON A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF IT... HE'S PROBABLY THE RICHEST DEAD MAN IN THE WEST!

WE CAN'T HEAR YOU ANY MORE, DIAMOND!



I SURE HATED TO BURY THAT OLD MINER! HE WAS A GOOD FELLOW AT HEART! IT'S A TERRIBLE THING WHAT THE GOLD LUST WILL DO TO MEN!

DIAMOND! LOOK! THOSE INDIAN KIDS ARE THROWING GOLDEN NUGGETS AT THOSE BIRDS!



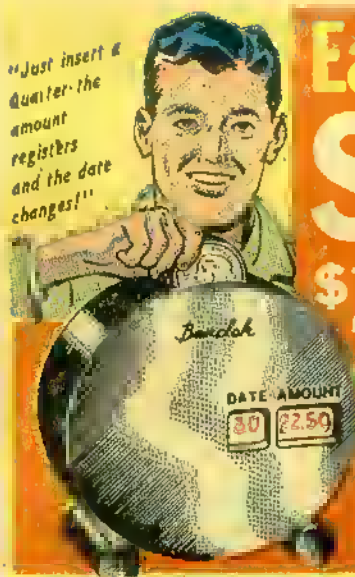
IRONICAL ISN'T IT? THEY'RE TOSSING AWAY A MILLION DOLLARS AND NOT A FLORED FEET AWAY LAY TWO DEAD MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE SAME PIECES OF TOON. LET'S GO, BUMPER! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!



THE END



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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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TO PAY!**

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WITHOUT COST!**

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JUST SEND US **TWO** OF THESE COUPONS AND WE WILL SEND YOU **FREE** ONE SET OF TRADING CARDS. YOU CAN PICK YOUR OWN SETS. THEY ARE LISTED IN THE BOX BELOW. THERE ARE 5 SETS IN ALL. COLLECT AS MANY AS YOU LIKE. JUST REMEMBER TO SEND TWO COUPONS FOR EACH SET. TAKE THE COUPONS FROM ANY OF THE LEV GLEASON COMICS MENTIONED ABOVE (CRIME DOES NOT PAY, CRIME AND PUNISHMENT, DAREDEVIL, BOY AND BLACK DIAMOND).

THEY WILL ALL HAVE COUPONS, WAITING FOR YOU, ON THE FIRST PAGE OF EVERY ISSUE.

## HERE ARE THE SETS

When you send your coupons, choose the set or sets you want. Order them by number — but each set is COMPLETE and cards in each set CANNOT be changed. Order more sets as you want more cards.

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CHIP GARDNER  
BUMPER  
CURLY

### SET NO. 2

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CRIMEBUSTER  
AND SQUEEKS  
RELIAPON

### SET NO. 4

SCARECROW  
DAREDEVIL  
DILLY DUNCAN

### SET NO. 5

BLACK DIAMOND AND RELIAPON  
SQUEEKS  
HOT ROCK FLANAGAN

THIS IS A SAMPLE OF THE COUPON YOU NEED TO GET YOUR TRADING CARDS. YOU WILL FIND IT ON THE FIRST INSIDE PAGE OF EACH MAGAZINE. THIS SAMPLE COUPON HAS NO VALUE. DON'T USE IT



SAMPLE COUPON



APPROXIMATELY TO ACTUAL SIZE

WHEN YOU SEND YOUR COUPONS, PASTE THEM ON A POST CARD OR ATTACH THEM TO THE HANDY ORDER BLANK ON THIS PAGE. BE SURE TO ORDER YOUR SET BY NUMBER AND BE SURE TO PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY. SEND TO:

PICTURE SET DIVISION,  
LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC.  
114 E. 32nd STREET,  
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE CRAZY ABOUT THESE WONDERFUL PICTURES. EACH IS PRINTED ON HEAVY CARD-BOARD 2 1/4" X 3 3/8", IN HANDSOME FULL COLOR. ALL YOUR FRIENDS WILL ENVY YOU. TRADE DUPLICATE CARDS FOR FAVORITES. BUILD UP THE FIRST AND BEST COLLECTION!

## ORDER BLANK

PICTURE SET DIVISION,  
LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC.,  
114 E 32nd Street,  
New York 16, N Y

Friends:

Enclosed are \_\_\_\_\_ trading picture coupons cut from Lev Gleason Comics. Please send me the following sets of pictures (2 coupons entitle me to 1 set of 3 pictures).

Set No 1 ☐ Set No 2 ☐ Set No 3 ☐  
Set No 4 ☐ Set No 5 ☐

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

My address is \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

WHEN YOU GET TWO COMPLETE SETS OF ALL THESE CARDS — 30 IN ALL — WE WILL GIVE YOU A FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE NAMED MAGAZINES.

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THE SHOW'S ON,  
GANG!

# New! Super-Duper! Simply Terrific! TELEVISION BANK

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LIKE BIGGEST, COSTLIEST  
TELEVISION SETS!

- SHOWS BRILLIANT PICTURES  
IN FULL COLOR!
- HITS EVERY TELEVISION  
HIGH . . . FIGHTS AND ALL!
- THRILLS YOU AND YOUR  
FRIENDS POP-ETED!
- AND . . . MAKES YOUR  
SAVINGS MOUNT UP FAST!



ALL-STEEL CONSTRUCTION

**ONLY  
\$1.98**

COMPLETE WITH  
BATTERY AND BULB!

Nobody ever before set their excited eyes on anything so terrific as this amazing new Television Bank! Your whole gang will be begging you for a look at this new midger wonder!

**LIGHTS UP THE MINUTE YOU DROP COIN!**

Just click a penny, nickel, dime or quarter into top slot. Instantly your grand new Television Bank lights up—in a big, BIG way! In a split second, the scene leaps into dazzling life!

**AND WOW! WHAT A PICTURE!**

Whether you go for "aowie" shows (fights and such) or want a dream dance-team or peppy cartoon, you've got them—and MORE—right on this miracle Television Bank! What's more, abiding convex lens over screen

gives you the brightest, clearest, pictures yet!

**TURN OF KNOB SHOWS NEXT EXCIT-  
ING PICTURE!**

When you've looked your admiring fill at one picture, just turn center knob for next thrill-packed "show." Light goes out automatically as new picture appears! To light new picture, bank another coin. No less than SIX exciting pictures in all—a fight, dramatic dance team, tense rodeo scene, hilarious cartoon, swell figure skater and circus clown with his trick dog!

**PUTS YOU "IN THE MONEY"—AND FAST!**

Your savings pile up PLENTY FAST—and with this marvelous new Television Bank! None of your friends, relatives or chance visitors can resist depositing enough to see the

complete show! And with SIX wonderful pictures to see—you bank REAL MONEY just for letting them look!

**IT'S A MONKEY—IN EVERY DETAIL!**

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**BE THE FIRST IN YOUR CROWD TO HAVE THIS WONDERFUL  
NEW TELEVISION BANK! SEND NO MONEY! ORDER YOURS TODAY!**

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TO ALL DOLL HOUSE OWNERS!**

Nothing is so truly luxurious for the modern doll house! This beautiful new Television Bank is the last word in elegance—matches all styles of furniture—makes a stunning addition to your dolls' living room! You'll love it, and so will all your friends!

**SEAGEE CO., Dept. 238  
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Name (Please Print Plainly)

Street

City  Zone  State

☐ I enclose \$1.98. You pay postage. Same money-back g. fee.

SEAGEE CO., 2 Allen St., Dept. 238, New York 2, N. Y.



# BLACK DIAMOND

MEETS CHIEF VICTORIO IN "THE APACHE REIGN OF TERROR"

THEY  
GRAY FOX'S  
SCOUTS!  
KILL!

CHIEF VICTORIO  
SAYS WE MUST SLAY  
ALL WHITE  
INVADERS!

IN ARIZONA IN THE 1880'S THERE WERE MANY SKIRMISHES BETWEEN THE VIOLENT APACHES AND THE WHITE MAN! HEREWITH UNFOLDS ONE OF THE MOST TERRIFYING OF THESE IN WHICH BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARE INVOLVED! GRAY HAired GENERAL CROOK REFERRED TO BY THE INDIANS AS "GRAY FOX", IN DESPERATION CALLS UPON OUR TWO HEROES TO HELP BREAK UP A DECEITFUL, TREACHEROUS MOB KNOWN AS THE INDIAN RING!

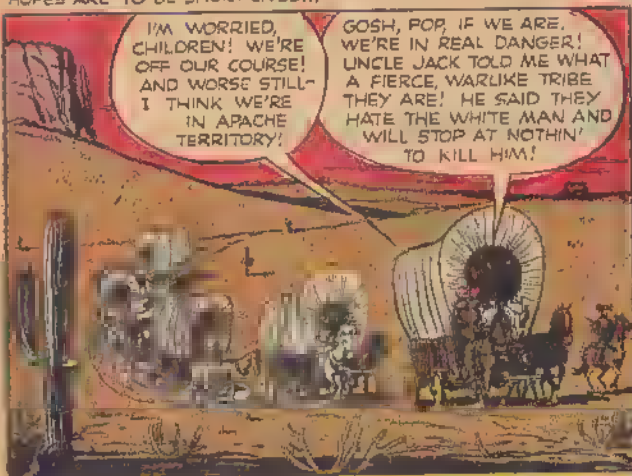
WE'LL BE  
LUCKY IF WE DO,  
DIAMOND! THIS SECTION  
IS SUPPOSED TO BE  
FULL OF THE WAR-  
LIKE INDIANS!

WE COULDN'T  
HAVE GONE MUCH  
FURTHER WITHOUT  
WATER, BUMPER! NOW  
IF WE CAN JUST REACH  
TUCSON BEFORE WE  
RUN INTO  
APACHES...





OUR STORY OPENS AS DANE EVANS, A WIDOWER, AND HIS DAUGHTER, ABBY, AND SON, DICK, ARE HEADED WEST IN SEARCH OF A NEW HOME WITH HOPES OF HAPPINESS IN THEIR HEARTS! BUT THOSE HOPES ARE TO BE SHORT-LIVED...



I'M WORRIED, CHILDREN! WE'RE OFF OUR COURSE! AND WORSE STILL—I THINK WE'RE IN APACHE TERRITORY!

GOSH, POP, IF WE ARE, WE'RE IN REAL DANGER! UNCLE JACK TOLD ME WHAT A FIERCE, WARLIKE TRIBE THEY ARE! HE SAID THEY HATE THE WHITE MAN AND WILL STOP AT NOTHIN' TO KILL HIM!



THAT'S RIGHT, DICK, AND ANOTHER THING ABOUT THE APACHES—THEY'RE VERY CLEVER—YOU NEVER CAN BE SURE JUST WHEN OR HOW THEY'LL STRIKE!

I CAN SEE FOR MILES, POP! WE'RE SAFE FOR A WHILE AT LEAST!

DON'T BE SO SURE, SON!

DANE EVANS WAS RIGHT...FOR LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER, A SWARM OF THE TREACHEROUS APACHES, WHO WERE COMPLETELY HIDDEN IN THE SAND, BREATHING THROUGH HOLLOW REEDS, SPRUNG UP AND SURROUNDED THE WAGON TRAIN!



YIIIIH KILL WHITE ENEMY!!

YES, OH GREAT CHIEF VICTORIO!

APACHES! GREAT SCOTT! THE DEVILS WERE HIDING IN THE SAND! QUICK—BOTH OF YOU—INTO THE WAGON AND LIE FLAT—KEEP YOURSELVES COVERED!

NO! PLEASE, POP—LET US HELP YOU FIGHT THEM, HUH?

FATHER, I'M FRIGHTENED!



BEFORE EVANS CAN ANSWER, AN APACHE RIFLE FINDS ITS MARK...



SIS! THEY'VE SHOT POP!

HURRY, DICK—GET HIM INTO THE WAGON!

SHORTLY LATER, THEIR MISSION FULFILLED, AND WITH ONLY ABBY AND DICK SURVIVING, CHIEF VICTORIO DISCUSSES THEIR FATE...



WE KILL LAST TWO ENEMIES, GREAT CHIEF!

NO! WE TAKE THEM WITH US!

BRING THE GIRL AND BOY ALONG! IF THEY CAN'T KEEP UP WITH US, THEY DIE! PICK UP ALL CARTRIDGES! WE NEED EVERY BULLET—HURRY!



PLEASE, CHIEF, PLEASE LET US GO!



MEANWHILE, AT U.S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, GENERAL CROOK HAS SUMMONED BLACK DIAMOND FOR HELP.

GENERAL CROOK, THE GOVERNOR OF THE TERRITORY HAS ORDERED ME TO REPORT TO YOU! HE SAYS THE APACHES ARE ON THE WARPATH AGAIN!

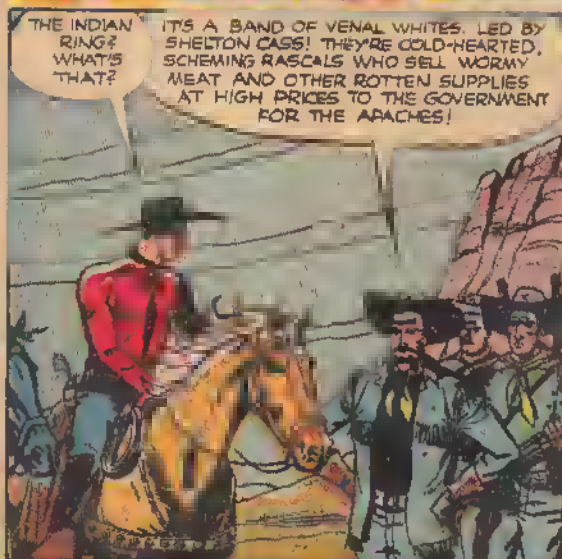
THEY SURE ARE, BLACK DIAMOND, AND I NEED YOU AS A SCOUT! MY TROOPERS CAN'T OVERTAKE VICTORIO ON THE WORN OUT OLD PLUGS WE'RE SUPPLIED WITH!

RELIAPON AND EL LOBO CAN OUTRUN A JACKRABBIT, GENERAL!

TAKE CARE, MARSHAL, THE APACHES WILL AMBUSH YOU IF THEY CAN, AND THAT WOULD MEAN A VERY TORTUROUS DEATH!

WE'LL TAKE OUR CHANCES! MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP THOSE SAVAGE APACHES AND SAVE THE TERRITORY FROM RUIN!

I DON'T BLAME VICTORIO AND HIS APACHES ENTIRELY! THEY WERE DRIVEN INTO THIS BY THE INDIAN RING, BUT THAT'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR THEIR BRUTAL



THE INDIAN RING? WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S A BAND OF VENAL WHITES, LED BY SHELTON CASS! THEY'RE COLD-HEARTED, SCHEMING RASCALS WHO SELL WORMY MEAT AND OTHER ROTTEN SUPPLIES AT HIGH PRICES TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE APACHES!



VICTORIO SETTLED HIS PEOPLE ON GOOD LANDS GIVEN THEM, BUT THE RING HAD THEM PUT OFF, BY BRIBERY, AND THIS IS THE RESULT! CASS' HEADQUARTERS ARE IN TUCSON!

I'LL SEE CASS LATER! THERE'S SMOKE IN THE SKY—SOMETHING'S UP! WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY! GOOD-BY, GENERAL!



LATER...

IT'S APACHES' WORK, BUMPER! AND THE WHITES ARE ACTUALLY TO BLAME!

WE'LL WRING THAT RING'S NECK, DIAMOND!

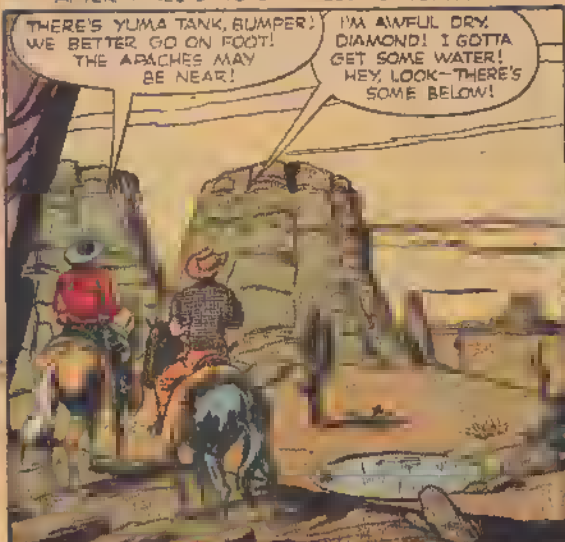


LOOK! "ABBY WARREN" THERE WAS A WOMAN IN THE TRAIN! THEY MUST HAVE CARRIED HER OFF! SOMETIMES THEY ENSLAVE WOMEN AND BOYS! THAT'S WORSE THAN DEATH!

APACHES SELDOM SPARE ANYBODY, BUT IF SHE'S ALIVE WE GOT TO TRY AND SAVE HER!



AFTER THREE DAYS OF TIRESOME RIDING...

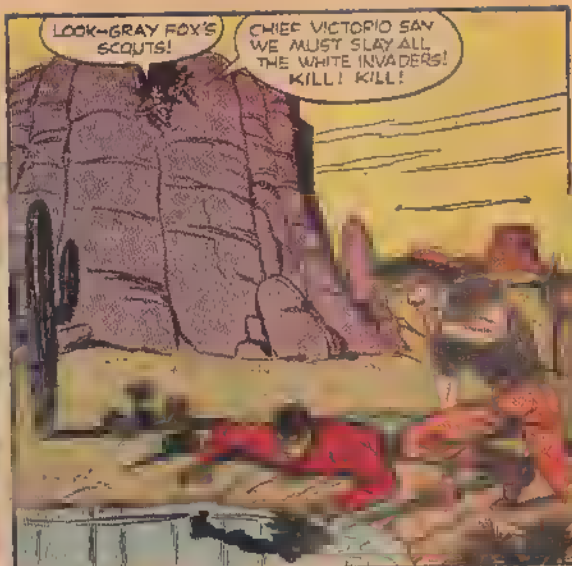


THERE'S YUMA TANK, BUMPER!  
WE BETTER GO ON FOOT!  
THE APACHES MAY  
BE NEAR!

I'M AWFUL DRY,  
DIAMOND! I GOTTA  
GET SOME WATER!  
HEY, LOOK-THERE'S  
SOME BELOW!

LOOK-GRAY FOX'S  
SCOUTS!

CHIEF VICTORIO SAY  
WE MUST SLAY ALL  
THE WHITE INVADERS!  
KILL! KILL!

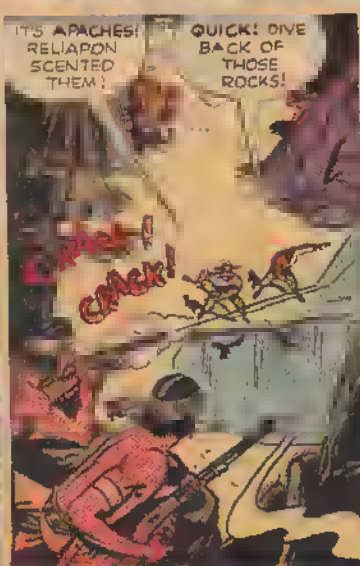


RELIAPON SPOTS THE FIERCE  
SAVAGES AND BAYS OUT HIS  
WARNING SIGNAL...



IT'S APACHES!  
RELIAPON  
SCENTED  
THEM!

QUICK! DIVE  
BACK OF  
THOSE  
ROCKS!



CRACK!  
CRACK!

VICTORIO MUST'VE  
LEFT GUARDS  
ON HIS BACK  
TRAIL!

THEY'RE MAKIN'  
A RUN FOR IT,  
BUMPER! AFTER  
'EM, QUICK!



BANG!

TRY TO KEEP 'EM IN  
SIGHT! THEY MAY LEAD  
US TO VICTORIO AND  
THE MAIN BAND!

THEY'RE RIDIN' LIKE  
LOCO DEVILS, DIAMOND!  
IF THEY MAKE THOSE  
HILLS, WE'LL  
NEVER SMELL  
'EM OUT!



THEY MADE IT-DOGGONE!  
ONCE THOSE APACHE SIDE-  
WINDERS WORK INTO THIS  
KIND OF COUNTRY NOBODY  
CAN FIND 'EM! I  
BET VICTORIO'S A HUNDRED  
MILES AWAY BY DAWN!

WE'LL TAKE TURNS  
ON GUARD AND HAVE  
SOME SHUT-EYE FOR  
AN HGLIR OR SO! TUCSON  
ISN'T FAR AND I AIM TO  
TAKE THIS UP WITH  
CASS! IN THE LONG RUN  
THE WAY TO STOP THE  
WAR IS TO SPOKE  
THAT INDIAN  
RING!

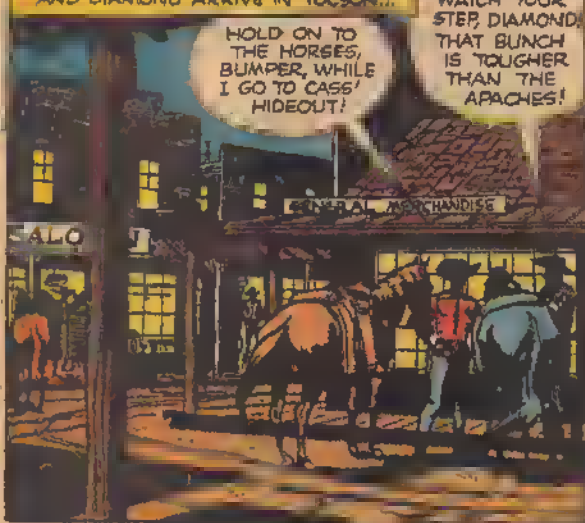




THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, BUMPER AND DIAMOND ARRIVE IN TUCSON...

AND YOU WATCH YOUR STEP, DIAMOND. THAT BUNCH IS TOUGHER THAN THE APACHES!

HOLD ON TO THE HORSES, BUMPER, WHILE I GO TO CASS' HIDEOUT!



MEANWHILE, AT CASS'S PLACE...

VICTORIO SENT A MESSENGER WITH MONEY LOOTED FROM WAGON TRAINS! MAKE SURE THE AMMO AND GUNS ARE DELIVERED AT ONCE, FEENEY! THE CHIEF'S SHORT OF 'EM, AND REMEMBER—HE'S OUR BEST CUSTOMER!

SURE THING, BOSS!



I'LL BE ON MY WAY TO VICTORIO, CASS!

YOU'LL FIND VICTORIO'S RANERIA AT ANTELOPE SPRINGS, FEENEY!



CASS IS MY MAN, ALL RIGHT! HIS STOOGES, FEENEY, WILL HEAD ME TO VICTORIO, AND IF THIS RING IS SMASHED, MAYBE THE APACHES WILL SETTLE DOWN!



REACH HIGH, YOU POLECAT! MISTER CASS WANTS TO SEE YOU!

THIS IS BAD! I BETTER DO SOME FAST TALKIN'!

SO! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! MY AGENTS SENT WORD YOU WERE SCOUTING FOR CROOK! WE SAVVY EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON IN ARIZONA!

CASS, YOU HAD THE APACHES DRIVEN OFF THEIR DECENT LANDS INTO THE DESERT WHERE THERE WAS NO WATER, AND THEY COULDN'T EXIST! YOU'LL ANSWER

YOU KNOW A LOT, DON'T YOU! WELL, I KNOW MORE, AND THAT'S YOUR HARD LUCK!

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLENTY OF TREACHERY, CASS. JUST TO MENTION SOME OF IT!





"...YOUR TALKING THE APACHES INTO SLAUGHTERING HELPLESS WHITE SETTLERS SO YOU COULD TAKE THEIR LAND..."



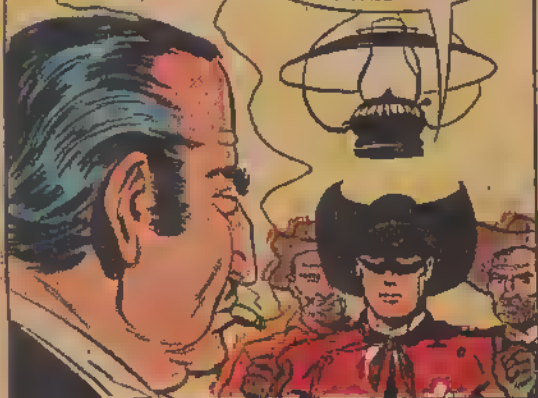
"AMBUSHING AND ROBBING STAGECOACHES..."



"...AND WORST OF ALL, A WAGON TRAIN THAT WAS LOOTED, THEN BURNED AND I KNOW THE APACHES TOOK A WHITE WOMAN AS CAPTIVE! THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS SEE THAT SHE IS RELEASED..."



VICTORIO'S A FRIEND OF MINE, AND WHAT MY FRIENDS DO ISN'T MY CONCERN!



A FINE FRIEND OF THE APACHES YOU ARE! THEY'LL BE SHOT LIKE WOLVES OR IMPRISONED SOONER OR LATER! IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, WE'D PROBABLY HAVE PEACE IN ARIZONA!

PEACE! WE DON'T WANT PEACE, YOU FOOL—IT DOESN'T PAY OFF!



I KNOW! IF THE APACHES CAN MAKE A DECENT LIVING, YOU CAN'T UNLOAD ROTTEN SUPPLIES ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR 'EM! YOU GRABBED THEIR GOOD LANDS—BY SUPPLYING ARMS TO VICTORIO! YOU'RE AS ROTTEN AS THE MEAT YOU SELL, CASS!

KEEP A CIVIL TONGUE IN YOUR HEAD, DIAMOND!

GIVE IT TO THE DOG, BOSS!



SO YOU WANT TO FIND THE APACHES! WELL, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A HAND, DIAMOND!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?







TEX, GAG THIS MAN AND RUN HIM OUT BACK! TELL FEENEY TO LOAD HIM IN A WAGON AND TURN HIM OVER TO VICTORIO!

SURE THING, BOSS! THE APACHES WILL PULL HIM APART INCH BY INCH!



LISTEN, FEENEY, THE BOSS SAYS THERE'S ANOTHER PIECE OF CARGO FOR VICTORIO! LOOK WHAT IT IS!

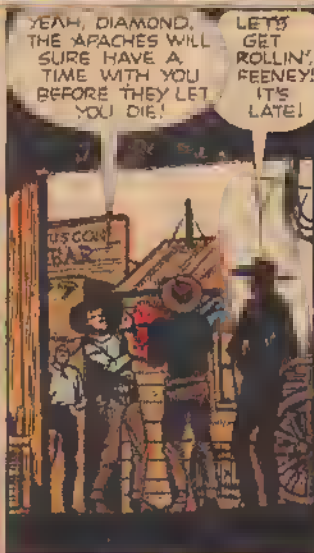
HOLY COW! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! AIN'T HE WORKIN' FOR CROOK?



RIGHT—WE CAUGHT HIM SNOOPIN', AND CASS IS PAYIN' HIM OFF!

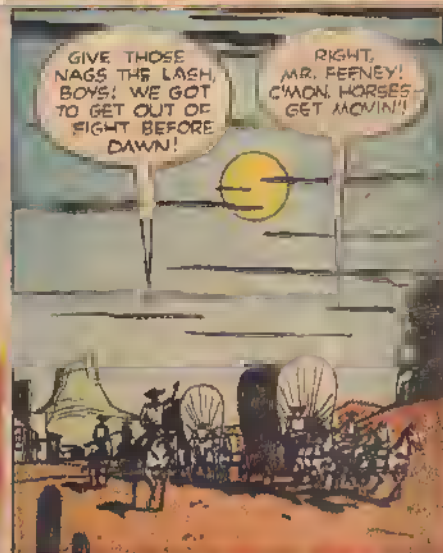
FINE! VICTORIO SAVVIES WHAT TO DO WITH HOUNDS LIKE YOU, DIAMOND! HE'LL HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOU AND THEN STAKE YOU ON AN ANT HILL! I'LL BE GLAD TO WATCH! TIE HIS

ANKLES, CROOK!



YEAH, DIAMOND, THE APACHES WILL SURE HAVE A TIME WITH YOU BEFORE THEY LET YOU DIE!

LET'S GET ROLLIN', FEENEY! IT'S LATE!



GIVE THOSE NAGS THE LASH, BOYS! WE GOT TO GET OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE DAWN!

RIGHT, MR. FEENEY! C'MON, HORSES—GET MOVIN'!



MEANWHILE...

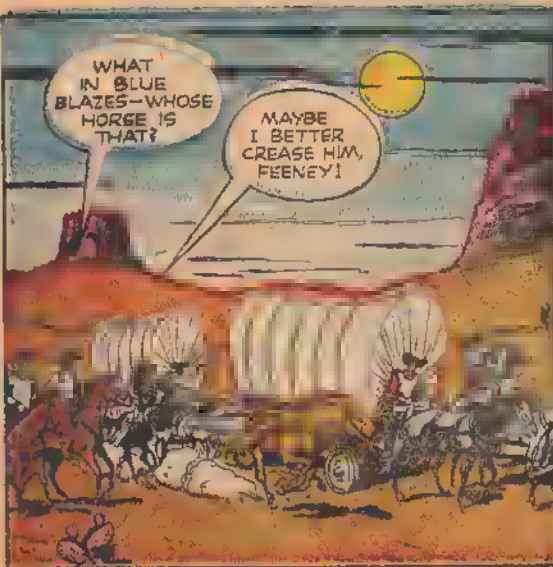
DIAMOND'S SURE TAKING A LONG TIME! HEY, WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU, RELIAPON? YOU TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING? OH, ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO ALONG! WATCH OUT WE DON'T BUMP INTO CASS, THOUGH!



BUMPER SOON REALIZES THAT RELIAPON'S ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE INTUITION IS RIGHT...

DIAMOND WASN'T ANYWHERE AROUND CASS' JOINT! GOOD GRAVY—THEY MUST HAVE CAPTURED HIM IN ONE OF THOSE WAGONS! GOOD BOY RELIAPON—NOW IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHICH ONE...







HOURS LATER, AT CHIEF VICTORIO'S RANCHERIA...

TWO WAGONS  
APPROACH,  
CHIEF  
VICTORIO!

THEY ARE CASS!  
BRINGING GUNS AND  
BULLETS FOR THE NEW  
RAIDS! ESCORT THEM  
SAFELY IN!

APACHES! WE HAVE  
THE GUNS FOR THE  
GREAT CHIEF  
VICTORIO! GUNS FROM  
MISTER CASS!

PASS!  
VICTORIO  
WAITS!

YOU HAVE  
WHAT  
VICTORIO  
NEEDS!

EXACTLY  
WHAT THE  
APACHES  
NEED!

NOW THAT WE HAVE  
THE NEW GUNS AND  
PLENTY OF LOADS,  
THE APACHES WILL  
KILL EVERY WHITE  
ENEMY IN THE  
SOUTHWEST!

YES, CHIEF, BUT  
YOUR REAL  
ENEMIES  
ARE THE MEN  
WHO HAVE  
CHEATED AND  
LIED TO YOU,  
AND CASS IS  
THE WORST OF  
THE LOT!

THAT'S THE TRUTH, VICTORIO!  
CASS SECRETLY HAD THE  
APACHES PUT OFF THEIR  
GOOD LANDS AND SENT  
INTO THE DESERT  
TO SUFFER!

YOU ARE  
WRONG! CASS  
IS THE  
APACHES'  
FRIEND! HE  
SENDS US  
GUNS!

WHO  
CAN THAT  
MASKED  
MAN BE,  
DICK?

I DON'T  
KNOW,  
ABBY!

YES, BUT AT A HIGH PRICE! THE INDIAN KING  
DOESN'T WANT THE APACHES AT PEACE!  
THEY MAKE MONEY WHEN  
YOU'RE AT WAR!

YOU ARE  
CASS' MAN,  
YET YOU  
TALK AGAINST  
HIM!

CASS IS A LIAR, A  
CHEAT-AND WORSE, HE  
BROUGHT ON THIS WAR,  
AND YOU KNOW THE  
APACHES WILL BE  
CRUSHED IN  
THE END!



SUDDENLY...

NOW!



STAND STILL,  
VICTORIO, GRAY  
FOX IS HERE!

DROP YOUR  
GUNS, APACHES!  
I BRING YOU  
JUSTICE!



GRAY  
FOX!

GENERAL CROOK  
AND THE BLACK  
DIAMOND WILL HELP  
THE APACHES  
IF THEY  
SURRENDER!

THE BLACK DIAMOND  
SPEAKS TRUE, VICTORIO!  
WE'LL DO EVERY-  
THING POSSIBLE  
FOR YOUR  
PEOPLE!

GRAY FOX  
ALWAYS  
KEEPS HIS  
WORD! THE  
APACHES  
KNOW HE IS  
AN HONORABLE  
WARRIOR!

DON'T  
SHOOT, APACHES!  
VICTORIO WILL  
PARLEY!



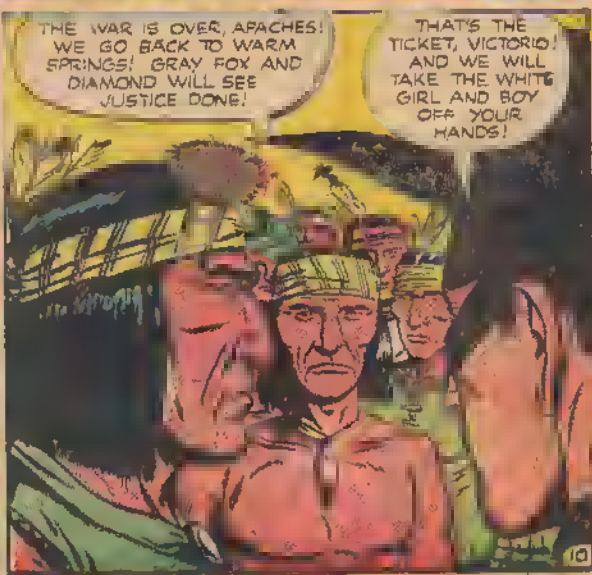
BLACK DIAMOND TELLS OF CASS' MISDEEDS...

...AND THAT'S HOW  
CASS TRICKED THE APACHES!  
GRAY FOX WILL VOUCH  
FOR IT!

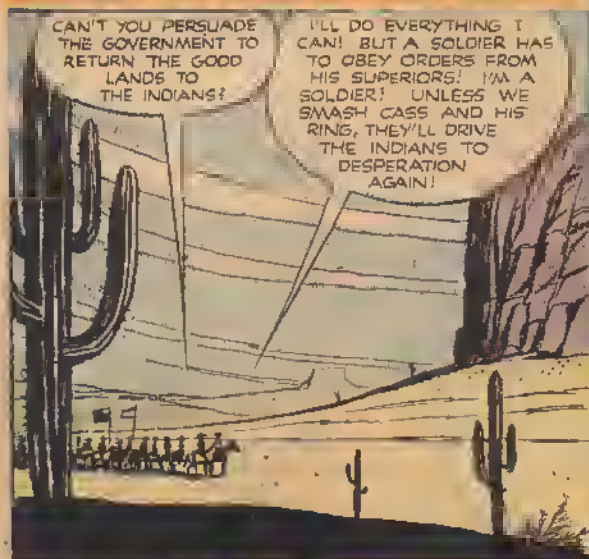
EVERYTHING THE  
MARSHAL SAYS IS  
FACT, VICTORIO! LEAD  
YOUR MEN BACK  
TO WARM SPRINGS  
RESERVATION AND  
CAMP THERE UNTIL  
YOU HEAR  
FROM ME!

THE WAR IS OVER, APACHES!  
WE GO BACK TO WARM  
SPRINGS! GRAY FOX AND  
DIAMOND WILL SEE  
JUSTICE DONE!

THAT'S THE  
TICKET, VICTORIO!  
AND WE WILL  
TAKE THE WHITE  
GIRL AND BOY  
OFF YOUR  
HANDS!









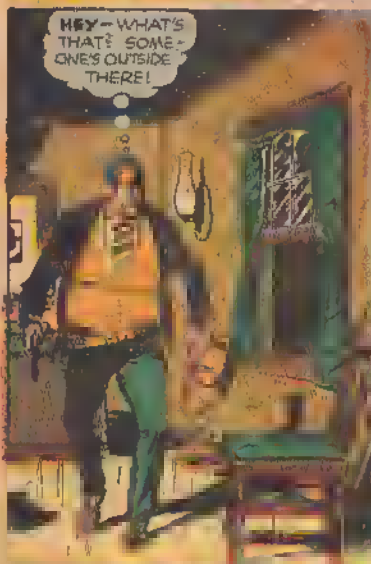
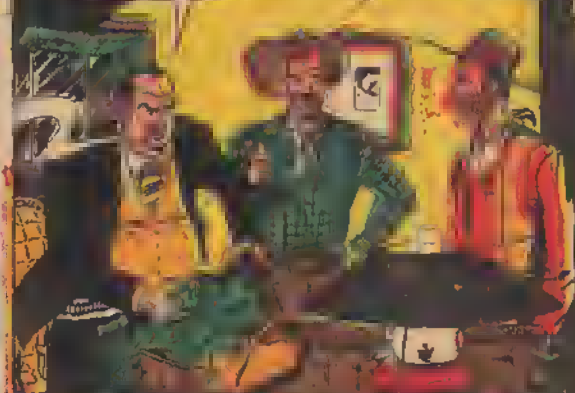
SHORTLY LATER.

YES, MISTER CASS, I TELL YOU IT IS SO! REENEY IS CAPTURED! DIAMOND AND GRAY FOX CAUGHT VICTORIO BY TRICK AND ARE COMING AFTER YOU!

THE BLACK DIAMOND! HOW DID HE ESCAPE? I SHOULD HAVE PUT A SLUG THROUGH HIM!

SADDLE MY HORSE PRONTO, WERNER! I'LL RUN FOR IT, BUT I'LL SEE TO IT DIAMOND AND CROOK PAY FOR THIS! I HAVE THE INFLUENCE TO DO IT!

SURE YOU HAVE, BOSS! IN A FEW DAYS, THEY'LL WISH THEY'D NEVER HORNED IN ON THE INDIAN RING!



HEY—WHAT'S THAT? SOME-ONE'S OUTSIDE THERE!



BLACK DIAMOND!!

RIGHT, CASS—YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! DROP THAT GUN OR I'LL FIRE!



YOU ASKED FOR IT, CASS!

YOU—AH..H..



GOOD SHOOTIN', DIAMOND! I GOT TWO OF HIS STOOGES TIED UP OUTSIDE!

GENERAL CROOK WILL BE HERE SOON! THIS ENDS THE INDIAN RING!

GENERAL CROOK SOON ARRIVED AND TOOK OVER! THE INDIAN RING WAS FINISHED AND THE APACHES CEASED TO PLUNDER AND KILL THE WHITE MAN—TEMPORARILY AT LEAST! ABBY AND DICK EVANS WERE RELEASED AND ABBY'S SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW CAME TO TAKE THEM BACK EAST!

WE WERE TERRIBLY UPSET WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT DAD, BUT THANK HEAVENS, YOU AND DICK ARE SAFE! IT WILL BE NICE TO HAVE YOU WITH US HERE!

GETTING RID OF CASS HAS CALMED DOWN THE APACHES! LET'S HOPE THEY STAY THAT WAY! MEANWHILE, LET'S GET HOME FOR SOME MUCH-NEEDED REST!

I'M WITH YOU, DIAMOND! LET'S GO!



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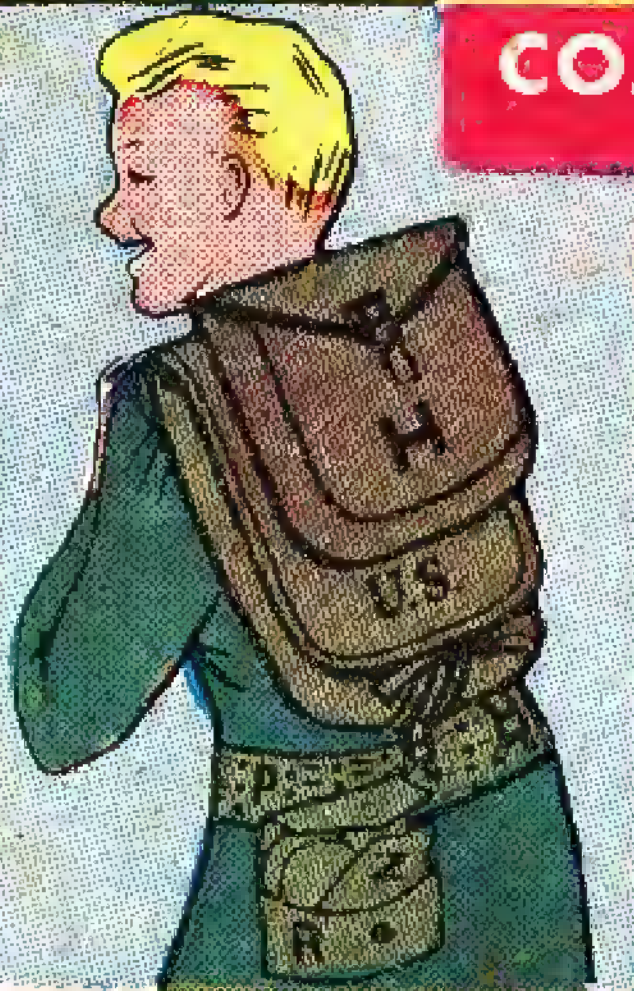
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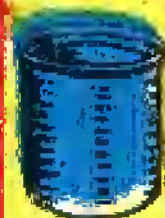


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"I been noticin' that," drawled Jeff. "What are ya aimin' to do?"

"Just keep my eye on him, I guess," answered Clem. "You watch him too."

"I been watchin' him," continued Jeff. "I've been watchin' him grow. If he'd just stayed as little as he was when his pa brought him out here we would have nothin' to worry about."

"Guess you're right," Clem mused as he leaned back in his chair; put his feet on the stove in the center of the floor in their store. "His old man is off in a dream world. It's too bad the kid doesn't take after him."

"The Professor wouldn't know a lode from the broad side of a barn," continued Jeff. "but that kid of his is gettin' sharper every day."

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Johnny Collins mused as he followed his father up the mountain on a brisk spring morning. "Maybe today we'll strike! Two years we've been at it and nothing to show for it. Oh, I hope, I hope today is the day."

The Professor turned to Johnny as they trudged up the mountainside. "Well, Johnny, maybe this is it!"

"That's just what I was thinking, Pop," answered Johnny in high spirits.

The day wore on as the two prospectors, young and old, followed the lure of gold. The Professor worked in an absent-minded fashion, Johnny with a vengeance. The Professor had earned himself the title by rights. He was a professor in his younger days, but after the death of his wife and many financial reverses, he had followed those with gold fever merely to leave his problems behind, rather than with any particular hope of finding gold. Johnny had followed his father excitedly and each day to him became a new adventure in their eternal search.

Johnny learned more every day about what to look for and where to look for it. He talked eagerly to newcomers and old timers who poured into the boom town. He talked to those who had "struck it rich" and those who had never hit at all. He assembled the facts he picked up and passed on the information to his father. The Professor accepted it for what it was worth and continued prospecting in an absent-minded fashion. Twice they had struck something they were sure was gold and had taken it to be appraised, only to have it termed fool's gold. This was disheartening; however, Johnny's eagerness spurred them on.

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"Well, well—I hope you're right, Johnny. If you are—right here we'll start the 'Little Johnny Mine,'" said his father.

"We can't call it the 'Little Johnny,' there's already one. This can be the 'Johnny, Jr.' mine," answered Johnny in excitement.

"Well, let's take several pieces of that ore and take it into town quickly and see what our friends Clem and Jeff have to say about its value," said the Professor.

"Wait a minute, Pop," calmly answered Johnny. "Sit down and let's talk this over."

The Professor looked puzzled, but acquiesced, settled himself on a rock and listened to Johnny.

"You know, Pop, I'm suspicious. Let's take this into the city and have it appraised," said Johnny.

"Suspicious of Clem and Jeff?" questioned the Professor in amazement. "We haven't any better friends in town."

"Well," said Johnny, as if to apologize for their friends, "let's keep it that way. But, you remember the last time we thought we struck gold. You took a piece of ore into them. They said, 'No—fool's gold again, Professor.' We accepted their word for it. But, Pop, I'm not saying they did it, but there is now a pretty active mine near the spot where we found that ore."

"But, it's not theirs," added the Professor.

"No," answered Johnny, "but, I'm still suspicious. Let me take this to the city and see. Then we can ask them."

"Okay Johnny, have it your way. Guess you've really picked up more about this mining business than I have. I certainly haven't had my mind on it," concluded the Professor.

Early the next morning Johnny took the stage for the city. The Professor, instead of his usual prospecting, hung around the town all day. Johnny's suspicions had aroused him. He went to the general store run by Clem and Jeff, "Appraisers of Ore."

"Hi, ya, Prof.," greeted Clem, "have you struck something you want us to look at for you?"

"No," answered the Professor, "just dropped in to say hello."

"Where's that smart youngster of yours?" asked Jeff.

"Oh, he took a trip to the city, he'll be back tomorrow," answered the Professor.

"What'd he go there for?" suddenly asked Jeff in surprise.

"Oh, he's always wanted to go but I figured he was too young until now," answered the Professor. "Now," he said with a quick look at Jeff and Clem, "he acts a lot older and wiser than I do."

"I've noticed that," answered Jeff, with a shrewd side glance which was caught and understood by Clem.

The next evening Johnny returned. When the stage drove up to the porch of the hotel, Johnny jumped off and greeted his father effusively, "Hello, Pop. I had a wonderful time!"

"What did you do—," the Professor was interrupted by Johnny's exuberance.

"What a town! I wish I could have stayed longer. All the bright lights, shows! Gee, Pop, you should have come!" All the while Johnny talked he steered his father away from the hotel as fast as he could. When they were at a safe distance, he whispered to his father, "Don't say anything, Pop. Don't ask any questions. Let's get home."

As the two entered their room in the boarding house, Johnny sat down and in a hushed voice related his luck in the city. "This is it, Pop! It's GOLD! It's real! Let's be sure that claim is staked!"

"But, why are you so quiet about it, Johnny? We've staked the claim already," the Professor answered.

"Well, Pop," continued Johnny in a low voice, "as I drove up tonight I saw Clem and Jeff in the shadows of the porch. I had an idea they wanted to overhear what we said to each other. That's why I obviously didn't say anything. Now I have a plan."

Quite late the next day, Johnny walked nonchalantly into the general store and greeted Jeff and Clem.

"Hi, sonny," drawled Clem, "how'd you find the big city?"

"What a town!" answered Johnny, "but, I've got something better than that to talk about. Look what I found today!" He plunked a large piece of ore on the counter. "Let me know what it's worth. I'll be back later this evening."

Johnny returned to the store later that evening to hear the report.

"Sorry, kid," said Jeff, "I hate to tell you again, but it's fool's gold!"

"Okay, Jeff," answered Johnny, acting disappointed. He walked toward the door, swung it open and the sheriff walked in. Jeff and Clem were so taken by surprise that they went without a murmur with the local law.

It was proved conclusively that Clem and Jeff had set themselves up as appraisers, had called real gold, fool's gold, then had gambled other prospectors to dig in the same location, so as not to link their names with the find. The sheriff had been suspicious but the conclusive evidence Johnny brought in was all he needed to lock up the two.

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RELIAPON!

DIAMOND!  
LOOK OUT! THERE  
GOES ANOTHER  
TREE!

ADVENTURE IS WHERE YOU FIND IT—BUT THIS TIME DIAMOND AND BUMPER HAVE TO JUMP A FENCE FOR IT—RIGHT INTO A DANGEROUS SITUATION WHEN THEY MEET UP WITH "RELIAPON'S DOUBLE"!

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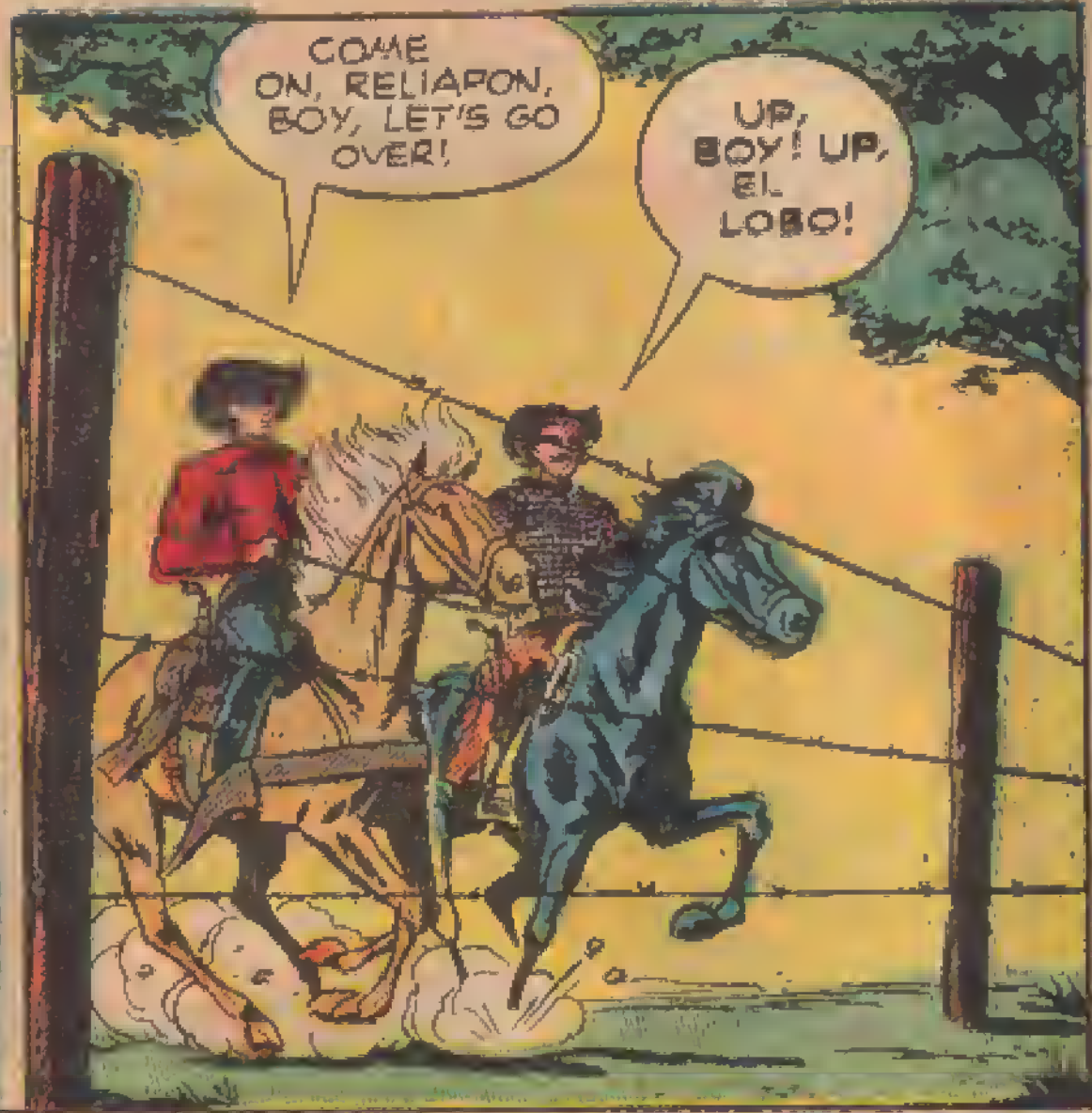
I'LL SURE BE GLAD  
TO GET BACK TO THE  
RANCH, DIAMOND!  
WE'VE BEEN TRAVELIN'  
FOR ALMOST  
A MONTH!

SAY, LOOK, BUMPER—THAT'S  
FUNNY! HERE'S WHERE  
WE CUT THROUGH THE  
WOODS, AND SOMEONE'S  
PUT UP A BARBED  
WIRE FENCE!

IT WASN'T  
HERE WHEN WE  
LEFT! THAT'S  
FOR SURE!

AND LOOK—  
IT MUST  
STRETCH FOR MILES  
UNBROKEN! IT WOULD  
TAKE US HOURS TO  
SKIRT AROUND IT!







IT'S HIM, PAW... (PUFF)... THE  
ONE WHO STOLE OUR PALOMINO!  
(PUFF) HE COME RIDING BACK  
BIG AS LIFE!

WHAT!  
THEY WOULDN'T  
DARE! HOW  
MANY WAS  
THERE?

ONLY TWO OF  
THEM, PAW—ONE  
RIDING THE  
PALOMINO AND  
ANOTHER  
FELLER! I...

BY THUNDER, THEY GOT THEIR  
NERVE! MUSTA FIGURED I  
WOULDN'T DO NOTHING, EH? I'LL  
SHOW 'EM! GET MY SHOOTIN'  
IRON, MAW!

WHY DON'T  
YOU LET IT  
BE, JEB?  
YOU'LL GET  
YOURSELF  
HURT FOR  
SURE!

NO, MARTHA—I'VE HAD ENOUGH!  
C'MON—LET'S GET TO WHERE WE'VE  
GOT THOSE TREES CUT AND PEGGED  
UP, READY TO FALL! THERE'S ONLY  
ONE TRAIL THOSE STRANGERS CAN  
TAKE AND WHEN THEY REACH THAT  
SPOT, THEY'LL FALL RIGHT INTO  
OUR TRAP!

IF THERE IS ANYONE  
CLOSE BY, THEY MUST  
BE OVER THAT  
RISE!

I THOUGHT I SAW  
A WISP OF SMOKE  
THAT WAY! LET'S TAKE  
A LOOK, BUMP...  
HEY!...

LOOK  
OUT,  
BUMPER!

WHOA RELIAPON!  
WHOA, BOY! WOW.  
THAT WAS A  
CLOSE ONE!

DIAMOND!  
LOOK OUT!  
THERE GOES  
ANOTHER  
TREE!





THIS SEEMS A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO BE AN ACCIDENT! ONE TREE MAYBE BUT NOT TWO!

GET OFF THOSE HORSES AN' REACH!



WE'D BETTER DO AS HE SAYS BUMPER...UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

HMMM... DON'T RECOGNIZE THE FELLERS! RANKIN MUST HAVE HIRED SOME NEW HELP!

NEVER MIND THEM PAW. LET'S LOOK AT THE PALOMINO!



'BY GOLLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TWO HORSES COULD LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE! IT DON'T SEEM POSSIBLE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, MISTER, BUT YOU WON'T FIND IT ON RELIAPON! HES BEEN MINE SINCE HE WAS A COLT!



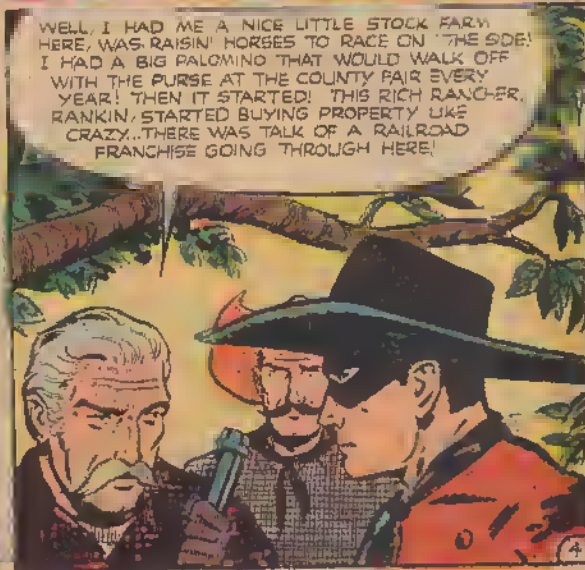
I RECKON WE MADE A MISTAKE, MISTER! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE A COUPLE OF RANKIN'S GUNMEN! WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY, AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY PROPERTY?

HERE'S MY IDENTIFICATION, AND WE WERE ON YOUR PROPERTY HUNTING YOU, TO ASK PERMISSION TO TAKE A SHORT CUT THROUGH YOUR LAND!



HOLY SMOKE! YOU'RE THE BLACK DIAMOND! HECK, I'VE HEARD PLENTY ABOUT YOU! I'M SURE SORRY, MR. DIAMOND, BUT WE'VE HAD A HEAP OF TROUBLE, AND I'VE HAD TO TAKE TO THE DEFENSIVE!

SUPPOSE YOU TELL US ABOUT IT! MAYBE WE CAN HELP!



WELL, I HAD ME A NICE LITTLE STOCK FARM HERE, WAS RAISIN' HORSES TO RACE ON 'THE SDE! I HAD A BIG PALOMINO THAT WOULD WALK OFF WITH THE PURSE AT THE COUNTY FAIR EVERY YEAR! THEN IT STARTED! THIS RICH RAN-ER, RANKIN, STARTED BUYING PROPERTY LIKE CRAZY...THERE WAS TALK OF A RAILROAD FRANCHISE GOING THROUGH HERE!



HE KEPT AFTER ME TO SELL  
MINE! WHEN I REFUSED, HE  
THREATENED ME! THEN THINGS  
STARTED HAPPENING! POISONED  
WATER KILLED OFF THE STOCK!  
THE BIG HOUSE MYSTERIOUSLY  
BURNED DOWN! ALL I HAD LEFT  
WAS THE PALOMINO... AND LAST  
WEEK WHEN I HAD TO GO TO  
TOWN, THEM DEVILS SLUGGED  
MY HORSE HERE AND STOLE  
MY HORSE!



THAT'S WHY WE  
WAYLAYED YOU!  
YOUR HORSE IS  
A DEAD RINGER  
FOR MINE! ANY-  
ONE BUT MY-  
SELF COULDN'T  
TELL THEM  
APART!



TELL  
ME MORE  
ABOUT  
THIS  
RANKIN!

RANKIN'S A  
POWERFUL MAN,  
THE BIGGEST  
RANCHER IN HIS  
TERRITORY! HIS  
WORD IS  
LAW!

MAYBE WE  
CAN HELP  
YOU! I'M  
GONNA HAVE  
A TALK WITH  
RANKIN!



I SHORE WOULD APPRECIATE  
IT, MARSHAL! I'M JUST ABOUT  
LICKED! I WAS COUNTING ON  
WINNING THAT FAIRGROUND RACE  
TO PAY OFF MY MORTGAGE! IF  
I CAN'T GET MY HORSE BACK,  
I'M FINISHED!

WE'LL  
DO OUR  
BEST! SHOW  
US WHERE  
RANKIN LIVES,  
AND WE'LL  
PAY HIM A  
CALL!



LATER AS BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER APPROACH  
RANKIN'S HOME...

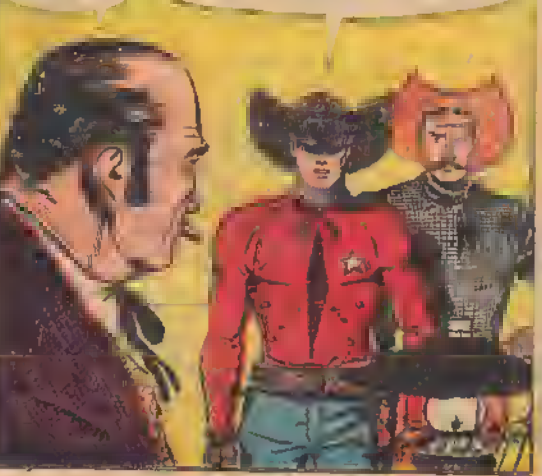
HEY, BOSS! A COUPLE O' STRANGERS  
ARE COMING UP TO THE HOUSE! ONE  
O' THEM'S TOTING A MARSHAL'S  
BADGE! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

DO I WHY  
SHOW THE  
GENTLEMEN IN!  
I'VE BEEN  
EXPECTING  
THEM!



COME IN,  
GENTLEMEN!  
BE  
SEATED!

NO, THANKS! I'LL BE BRIEF! WE'VE  
COME TO INVESTIGATE IF A CERTAIN  
PALOMINO HORSE MIGHT HAVE  
"STRAYED" ON YOUR LAND!



YOU MEAN, OF COURSE,  
JEB TURNER'S! THAT FELLOW  
IS A TROUBLE MAKER! I'VE  
BEEN FAR TOO PATIENT  
WITH HIM!

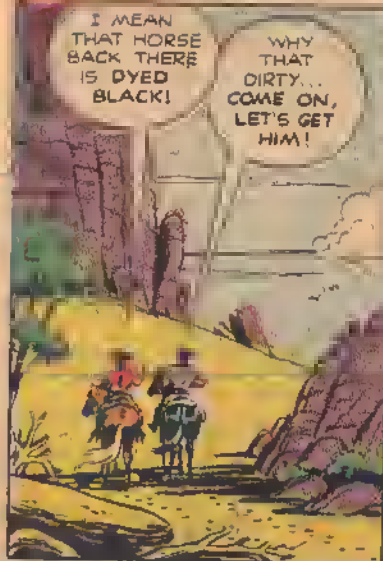
IF YOU DON'T MIND,  
WE'D LIKE TO SCOUT  
AROUND! HE MIGHT  
HAVE GOTTEN MIXED  
IN BY "MISTAKE"!











I MEAN  
THAT HORSE  
BACK THERE  
IS DYED  
BLACK!

WHY  
THAT  
DIRTY...  
COME ON,  
LET'S GET  
HIM!



HOLD ON, BUMPER, WE'RE  
GOING BACK... BUT LATER  
TONIGHT! WE WON'T STAND  
A CHANCE AGAINST RANKIN'S  
MOB! REMEMBER, TOO, THE  
BRAND HAS PROBABLY BEEN  
CHANGED! TONIGHT WE'LL DO  
A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED  
HORSE STEALING!

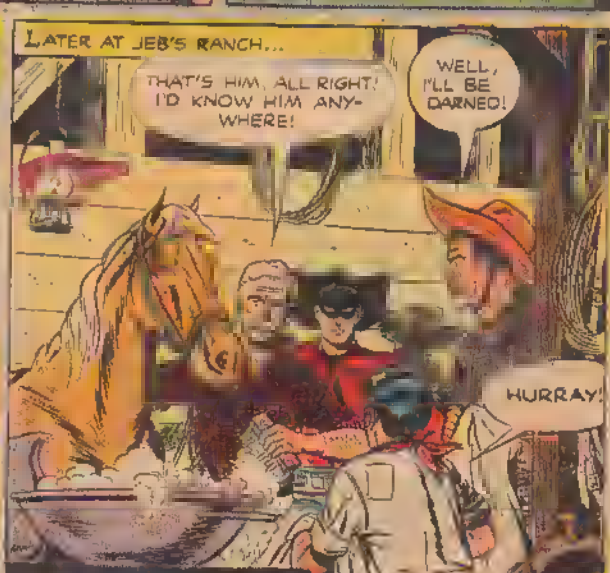


THAT NIGHT...

QUIET,  
NOW, BUMPER,  
WHILE I SLIP  
A ROPE!



HECK,  
THIS IS A  
SNAP, DIAMOND!  
THERE'S NOT  
A SOUL  
AROUND!



LATER AT JEB'S RANCH...

THAT'S HIM, ALL RIGHT!  
I'D KNOW HIM ANY-  
WHERE!

WELL,  
I'LL BE  
DARNED!

HURRAY!



WHAT'S THE MATTER  
DIAMOND? DIDN'T WE  
PUT ONE OVER ON  
THE CROOK THIS  
TIME?

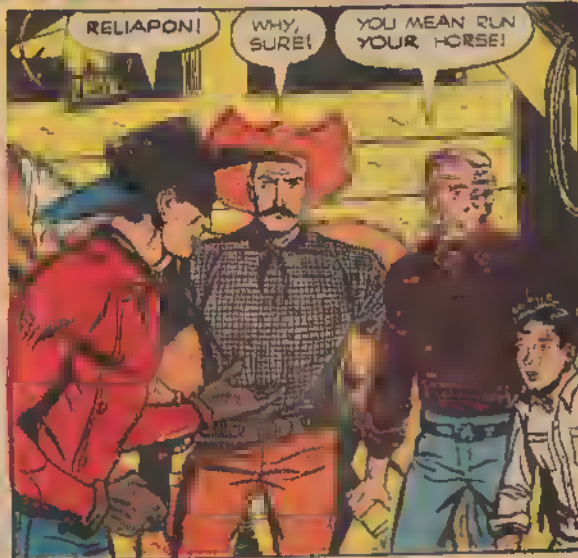
I DON'T  
KNOW,  
BUMPER!  
I DON'T  
KNOW!

IT'S MY  
HORSE, ALL  
RIGHT, MAR-  
SHAL! YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT!

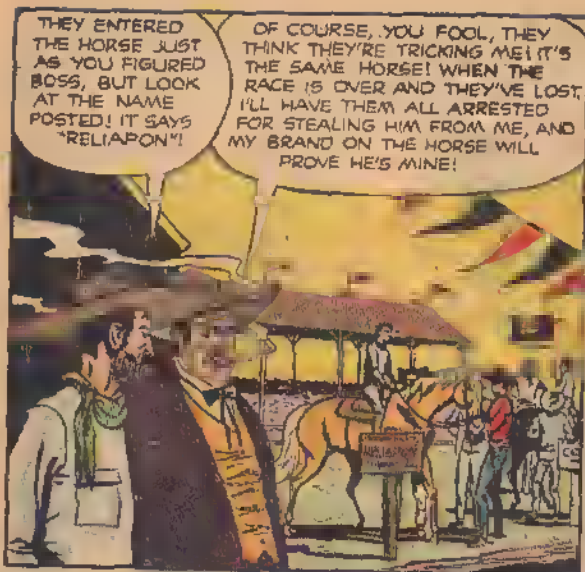


I CAN'T GET OVER HOW EASY  
IT WAS! RANKIN WAS UNEASY WHEN  
I PETTED THE HORSE! HE MUST'VE  
FIGURED I'D GET WISE! BUT TONIGHT,  
NOBODY WAS GUARDING HIM... IT'S  
TOO PAT! SOMETHING'S FISHY—  
LET'S EXAMINE HIM!

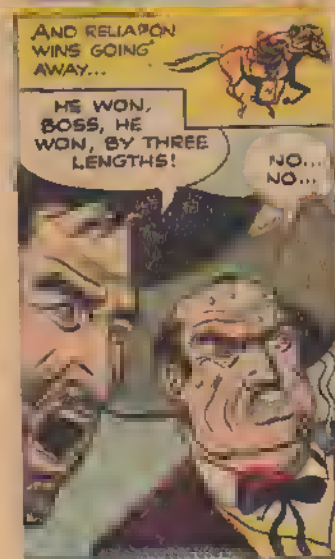














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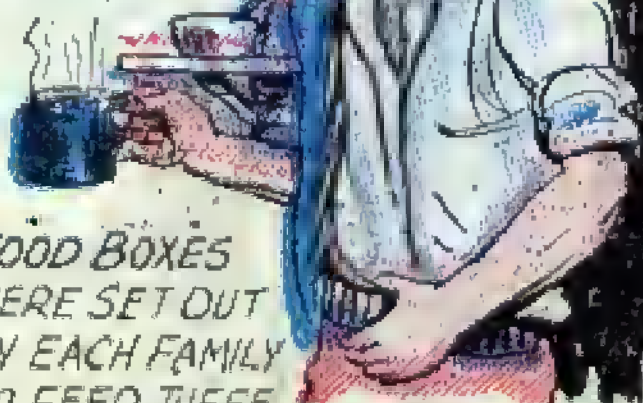
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by C.H. MOORE

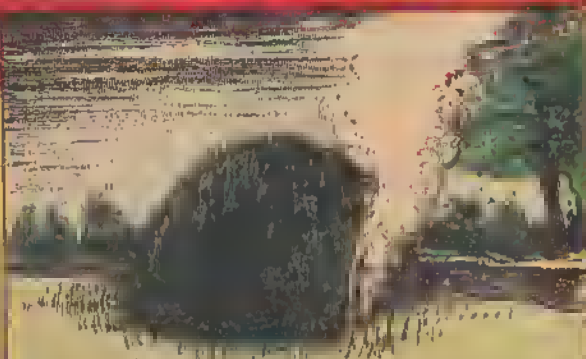


WHITE  
SETTLERS

PUSHED THE INDIANS OUT OF TERRITORY THAT HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THEM (THE CHEROKEE STRIP) BECAUSE THE PIONEERS HEARD THAT THERE WAS GOLD IN THAT REGION AND THEY WANTED IT!

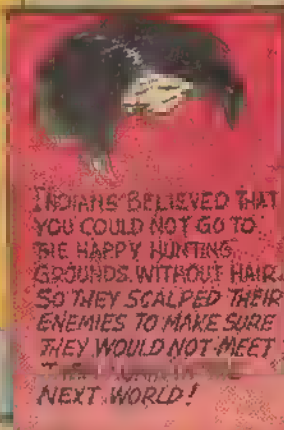
THE INDIANS WERE PUSHED INTO OKLAHOMA AND FATE TOOK SIDES WITH THEM FOR OIL WAS DISCOVERED ON THEIR LAND AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS POURED INTO THEIR LAPS!

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INDIANS BELIEVED THAT YOU COULD NOT GO TO THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS WITHOUT HAIR, SO THEY SCALPED THEIR ENEMIES TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULD NOT MEET NEXT WORLD!



INDIAN CHIEF, BLACK HAWK WAS BURIED SITTING ON HIS FAVORITE WHITE HORSE IN FULFILLMENT OF HIS LAST REQUEST! HE ALSO TOOK ALONG HIS BOW AND ARROW AND PIPE, TOBACCO AND WAMPUM!

AMERICAN  
CARTOONISTS

INDIANS  
MADE

AND WORE FALSE FACES TO SCARE AWAY SICKNESS AND OTHER EVIL SPIRITS!

THIS MASK WAS MADE AND USED BY THE IROQUOIS MEDICINE MAN!



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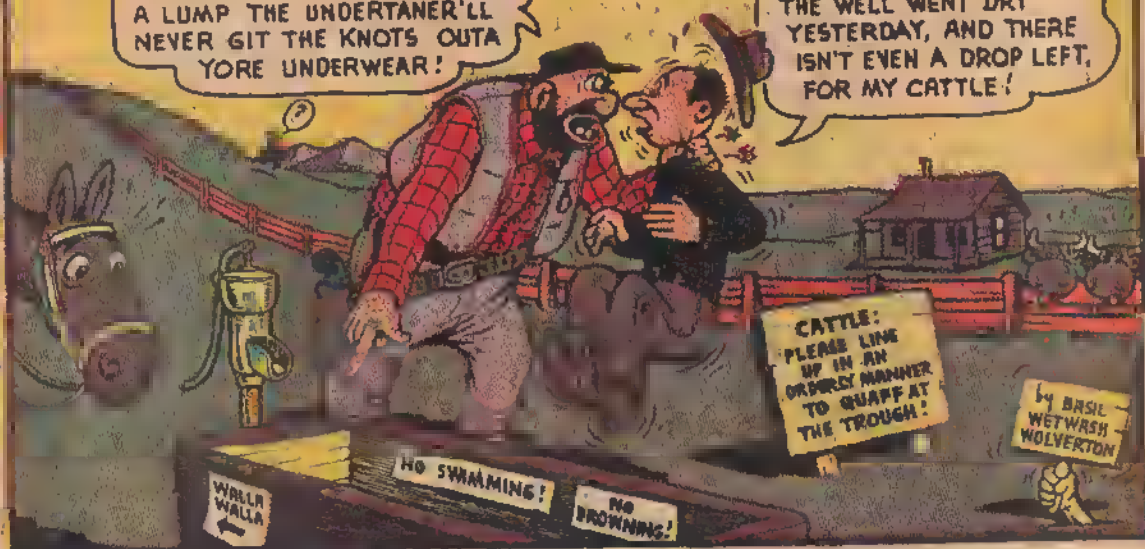
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be used as a  
university class,  
it's full of  
very so-called  
engineering and  
instruction.



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PUMP MY NAG SOME WATER,  
OR I'LL TWIST YUH INTO SUCH  
A LUMP THE UNDERTANER'LL  
NEVER GIT THE KNOTS OUTA  
YORE UNDERWEAR!

THERE ISN'T ANY WATER!  
THE WELL WENT DRY  
YESTERDAY, AND THERE  
ISN'T EVEN A DROP LEFT,  
FOR MY CATTLE!



A TROUBLE-MAKER, EH?  
OKAY! YOU ASKED  
FOR IT!

LET GO THAT  
FELLOW. YOU  
BIG, BEDBUG-  
BRAINED BULLY!



WELL! I SHORE WILL-- AND JUST  
LONG ENOUGH TO CRIMP YOU LIMP, SHRIMP!



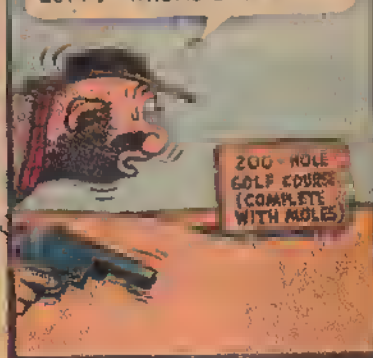
I'M SUCH AN EXPERT AT BUMPIN'  
OFF BOZOS THAT I NEVER EVEN  
BOTHER TO AIM!



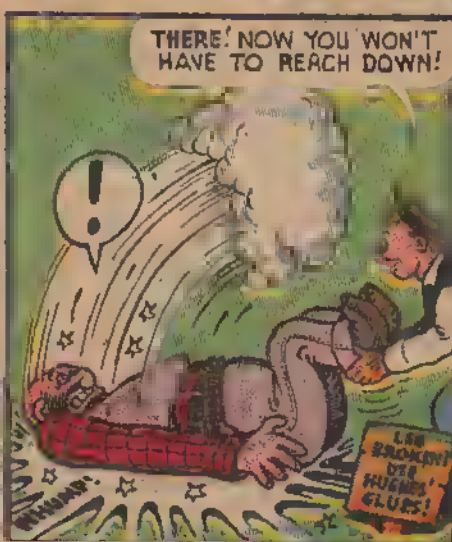
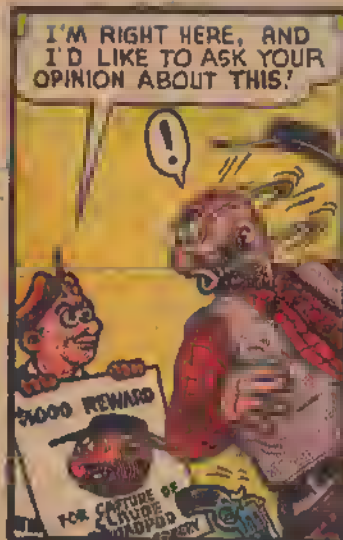
HA! AFTER THE  
SMOKE CLEARS,  
THERE WON'T BE  
MUCH LEFT  
TO LOOK AT!



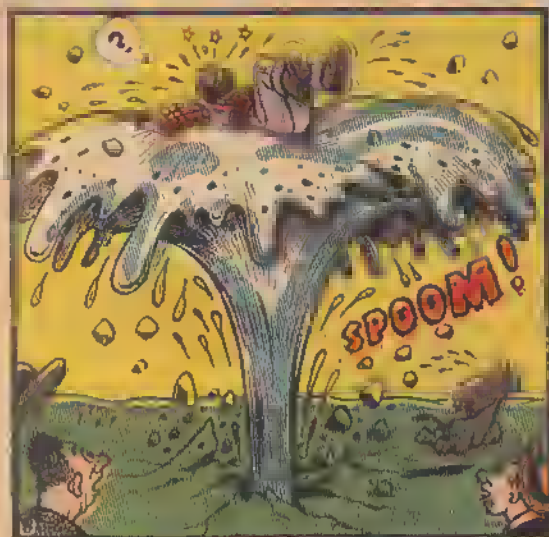
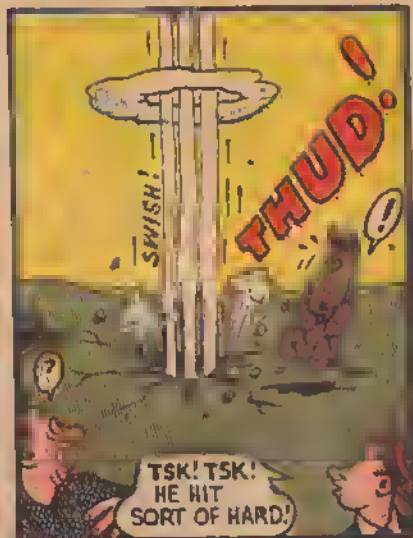
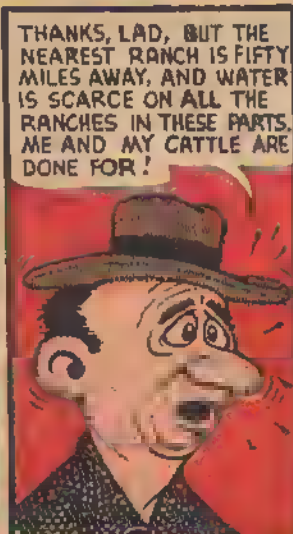
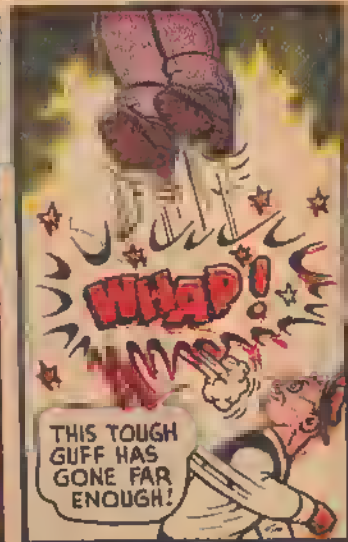
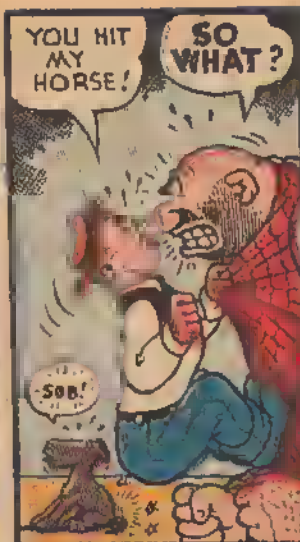
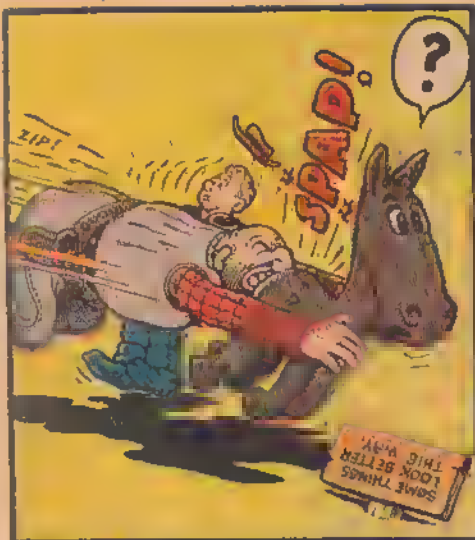
HEY! THERE AIN'T NOTHIN'  
LEFT! WHERE'D HE GO?













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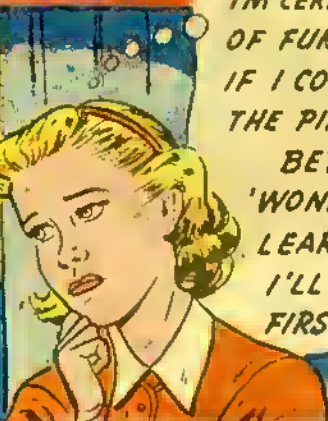
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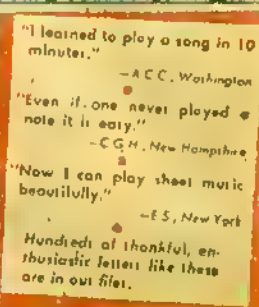


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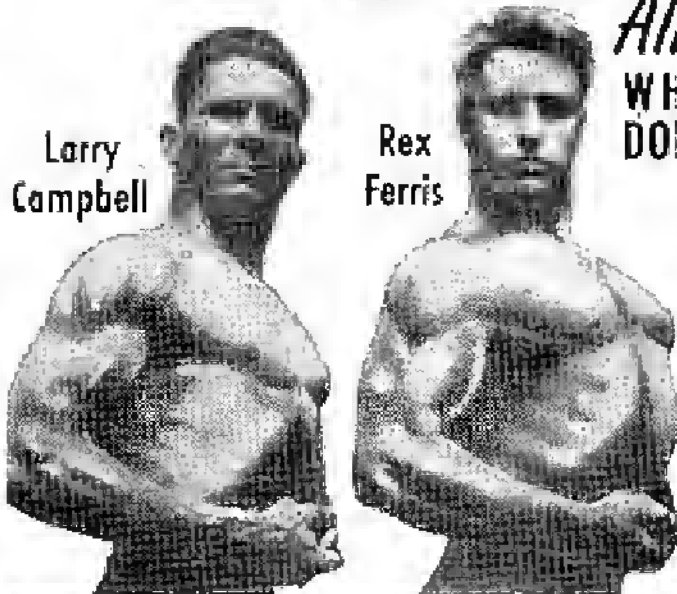
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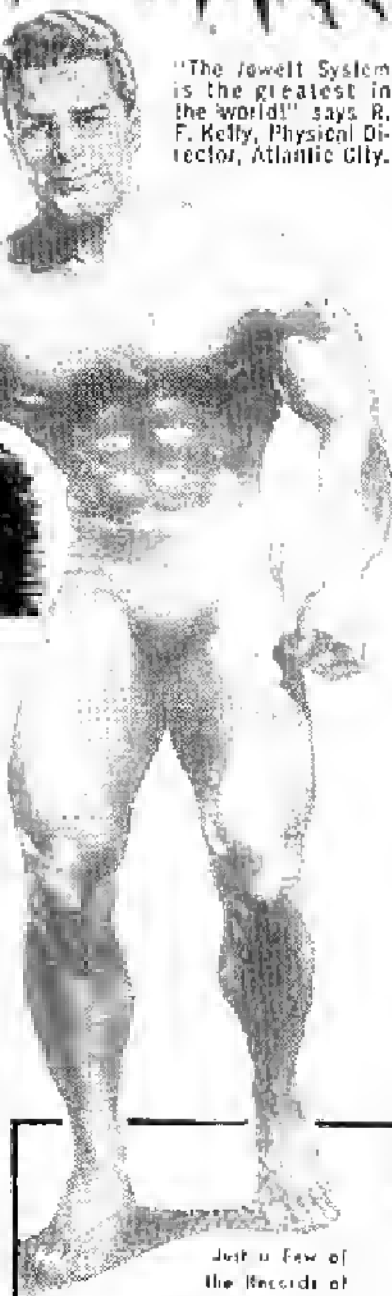
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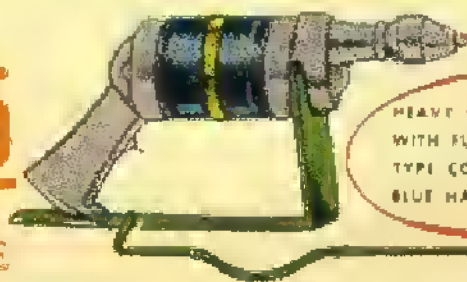
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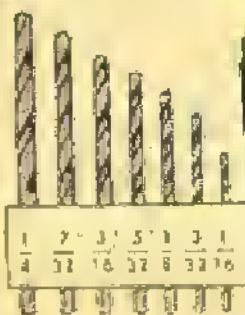
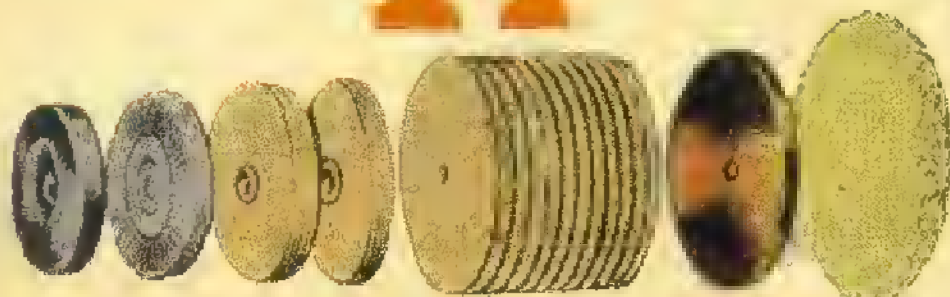
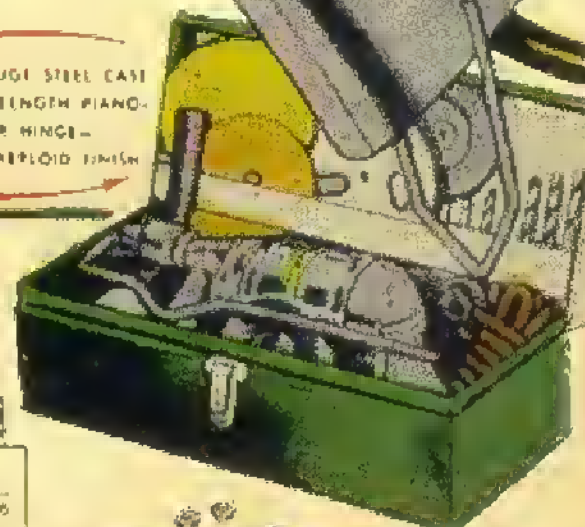
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